



2025 MIDWEST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Advocates for African Americans (A³) Grant Scholarships are based on academic achievements, honors, school and community participation, career goals, and a letter of recommendation. Scholarships are “awarded” to students in **undergraduate studies** regardless of race, creed, religion, gender, or national origin. A panel of community judges select the recipients. Award amounts may vary from year-to-year.

If selected for a Scholarship award, a check from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation (in the full amount) will be sent directly to the school. You must continue to meet the criteria to remain eligible and reapply each year. You may apply for a maximum of four (4) years during your undergraduate career.

It is the goal of Advocates for African Americans to provide at scholarships each year based on applicant pool and grant making ability of A³. Scholarships will be awarded based upon eligibility requirements and affiliation with an A³ member.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

First Time Applicants:

1. Dependent children (natural, legally adopted, stepchildren, or legal wards) whose parents are members of the A³ of Duke Energy will be given first consideration for the award.
2. Applicant must be a graduating high school/secondary school seniors or existing college student. Students must be accepted to or attending an accredited 2 or 4-year college or university. The educational institution must be qualified under IRS guidelines to receive contributions from the Duke Energy A³ [Midwest] Scholarship Fund.
3. Each high school applicant is required to provide either Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores or American College Testing (ACT) scores and completed application forms as requested by specified deadlines. There is no minimum score required to apply.
4. The application must include copy of official high school/secondary school transcript, rank in class, grade point average, SAT or ACT scores, leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors and awards, a letter of recommendation by an unrelated adult who knows the student (e.g., high school/secondary school official, work supervisor, someone from the community, etc.), work experience, as well as a statement of educational and career goals.
5. Applicant must be a legal resident of one of the 3 states in Duke Energy’s Midwest operations area (KY, OH, IN).

Reapplying College Applicants:

You must complete a scholarship application each year prior to the new academic year. All activities,

awards, employment experiences, etc. from your high school and college career are to be listed. If you need more space, add a separate sheet (put your name on each extra sheet). Resumes are acceptable. Please note that reapplying students are not guaranteed an award.

1. Scholars must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater and carry a minimum of 12 hours per semester to reapply for their scholarship.
2. Awarded students who fall below the desired GPA may reapply once they regain the required criterion.
3. Copy of official semester grade transcripts must accompany application.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The following items must be complete and submitted as part of your application.

CHECKLIST

- Completed Application
- School Transcripts
- Letter of Acceptance to Accredited College/ University (High School Applicants only)
- Letter of Recommendation
- Career Objective (Essay at least 300 words) – Answer all questions
- Email all documents

Suggestions for successful completion of your application:

- ☞ Allow adequate time for your letter of recommendation and transcript.
- ☞ Ask endorser to write your name and date in the upper right-hand corner of the letter.
- ☞ Review and verify all documents are complete. Scan and email application with supporting documentation by deadline to:

Email to: A3MWScholarship@gmail.com
Subject line: "Applicant Name, 2025 A3 Scholarship"

****NO LATE, INCOMPLETE, OR FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED****

If you have any questions, please email A3MWScholarship@gmail.com
PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS NOTING N/A WHERE NOT APPLICABLE.

(TYPE ONLY, NO HANDWRITTEN FORMS ACCEPTED)

Completeness and neatness will ensure your application is reviewed properly.

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

Are you a dependent of an A3 member? YES NO If yes, member name? _____

Parent or Guardian Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

Relationship: _____

Education

High School: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Diploma: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

GPA: _____ SAT Score: _____ ACT Score: _____

College: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Are you currently attending? YES NO Degree: _____

Student ID# (If Available): _____

Activities, Honors, Awards, Services

List extracurricular activities and service projects you have participated in and any positions held (athletics, debate, dramatics, music, publications, volunteer efforts, etc.)

List honors and awards received for academic achievement (Honor Society, National Merit, Recognition, etc.)

Educational Records

Include most recent high school copy of official transcript and all courses taken since high school (photocopies are accepted). Enclose a copy of your most recent copy of official transcript.

If enrolled in college, include a copy of your most recent copy of official transcript. If not enrolled, include a copy of your letter of acceptance.

PLEASE ATTACH TO THIS DOCUMENT OR INCLUDE AS A SEPARATE DOCUMENT IN YOUR EMAIL.

Submittal Essay

Discuss in 300 words or less your specific short-term goals. How will attending college help you to accomplish these goals? By receiving a college degree, what are some possible differences you can make in your community? Type your essay on a separate sheet of paper and note that all essays of selected applicants may be shared with A3 membership and other employees of Duke Energy.

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Reference

Enclose a letter of recommendation (e.g., from a teacher, school official, supervisor, coach, etc.)

Please list Reference contact information.

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Company: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

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Disclaimer and Signature

I hereby acknowledge that all information provided are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that this application will not be considered for review unless all the information enclosed is signed (electronic signature is valid) and dated.

I understand that not every eligible applicant will receive an award.

I understand that all applications will be held confidential, but no application material will be returned.

I understand that my name, school, and essay may be shared with members of A3 and Duke Energy employees if selected for award.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

EMAILED APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 2, 2025, 11:59 PM to
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